

Sociology group returns to campus

By **Brittany Eagar**
Staff writer

The Sociological Thinkers of Bryant was recognized as a club four years ago around the same time that a student was able to graduate from Bryant University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. The lack of leaders in the organization made sustaining the club and being involved in events and speakers on campus nearly impossible.

This year Kristina Pires '10, talked with professors in the sociology department in hopes of giving the club the push it needed. Faculty helped to get the word out to their students interested in Sociology, whether it be the field of research or service learning, to join the organization. On March 24 of this year the organization officially became recognized with 25 interested members and five e-board members. The e-board consists of president Kristina Pires '10, Vice President Aimee Bennett '10, Treasurer Sanjay Choolani '12, and Publicity Chairs Tina Matos '10 and Lauren Devanney '11.

The Sociological Thinkers of Bryant is an important step in establishing the relatively new Sociology major. There will be elections held for e-board members, most of the current members being seniors, and it is important to keep leadership roles established to sustain the club.

The club hopes to bring speakers to campus to inform students of different jobs available to graduates with a Sociology degree. Kristina Pires believes in the importance of broadening people's idea of what Sociology is in order to promote the major and minor to Bryant students, gaining more recognition for the growing number of Sociology students on campus. Be on the look out as the organization advertises in the beginning of next semester for general member meetings.

Passion goes beyond classroom for MGT-200 group



"Bryant Against Drunk Driving" was born out of the Management 200 service learning project. Group members L-R: Aaron McInerney, Ben Lawrence, Bridget McNulty, Jamie Mills, Corrine Lynce and Kyle Lipkvich. (Bridget McNulty)

By **Ariana Ricci**
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For six Bryant students, what started out as an effort to salvage their Management 200 service learning project could potentially end up as a new campus organization: Bryant Against Drunk Driving, the university's own chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (formerly Students Against Drinking and Driving). Ben Lawrence, Kyle Lipkvich, Corinne Lynch, Aaron McInerney, Bridget McNulty, and Jamie Mills originally went a different route, but then found out that they would have to switch organizations. This caused them to truly think of "what each of us was individually passionate about. As a group, we collectively realized how advocating against drinking and driving was a cause we all wished to work with," McNulty said.

In beginning their research, the group aimed toward raising awareness about drinking and driving during prom season. While doing so, they realized that no groups with this goal currently exist

on campus. Additionally, they found out that no chapters exist in the whole state of Rhode Island. Though this notion was overwhelming at first, the group found the organization to be "very receptive and helpful" in assisting the students with starting their own chapter of S.A.D.D. here at Bryant. After applying, they received a start-up packet from

raise awareness through various means, most of which are already underway. The group has created a Facebook fan page for B.A.D.D., which has already gained well over 300 fans. In addition, the group has posted signs along the walkway to the unistrukture and plans to hang banners on the unistrukture each week with staggering facts about drinking and driving. The group also hosted an event in the rotunda on April 14 to continue raising awareness. Students were able to wear 'drunk goggles' and sign pledges committing themselves to no drinking and driving.

McNulty noted that "so far, we have had a strong response and feel there is a large student interest since many people have been affected by drinking and driving." The group welcomes any student input on how to spread campus awareness. One idea for the future is the presence of a wrecked car on campus as a reminder of the dangers associated with drinking and driving. For these six students, it's not just about completing an assignment, it's about "potentially saving lives," as McNulty put it.

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S.A.D.D.'s headquarters in Marlboro, MA, as well as ideas to raise awareness.

One of the group's main goals was to become recognized as a chapter of S.A.D.D., which they've already accomplished. Their next goal is to create a club charter, as well as a constitution to submit to student senate so that their organization can become an official club on campus in the near future. They will also

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Wednesday at 01:16
Location: JACOB'S DRIVE
Summary: A vehicle was stopped and
cited for excessive speed.

FIRE (Building) APR 7 2010-
Wednesday at 18:21
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of sprinkler system
activation in a townhouse.

POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHER-
NALIA APR 8 2010-Thursday at 00:30
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: A vehicle was searched and
items confiscated due to a suspicion of
drug activity.

VANDALISM (AUTO) APR 8
2010-Thursday at 17:11
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A report of vandalism to auto.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
APR 9 2010-Friday at 02:50
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a person feeling
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Location: SMITH HOUSE LOT
Summary: A report of a motorcycle
picked up and dropped in parking lot.

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APR 10 2010-Saturday at 00:05
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A caller stated her friend was
very intoxicated and needed help. EMS
was activated.

TOWED VEHICLE APR 10 2010-

Saturday at 02:15
Location: OLD TOWNHOUSE LOT
Summary: A vehicle was towed for
parking in fire lane.

FIRE ALARM APR 11 2010-Sunday at
02:21
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A fire alarm caused by an ac-
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EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
APR 11 2010-Sunday at 02:22
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a male with a
black eye needed medical assistance.
EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (AUTO) APR 11
2010-Sunday at 02:47
Location: SENIOR APARTMENT ROAD
Summary: A caller stated his rear win-
dow was smashed.

LARCENY APR 11 2010-Sunday at
22:59
Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: A report of books being
stolen from classroom.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
APR 11 2010-Sunday at 23:22
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A person called to report an
individual with a knife wound. EMS
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Location: RESIDENCE HALL 15
Summary: A trash can was set on fire.

LARCENY (from and auto over \$500)
APR 12 2010-Monday at 12:32
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A student reported a GPS
stolen from a vehicle.

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APR 12 2010-Monday at 12:37
Location: NEW SENIOR APARTMENT
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Summary: A report of a license plate
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Annual art expo provides creative forum

By Julie Kent
Staff writer

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an artist? Do you have a story
or reason behind your art? If
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The Arts and Culture Club
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students, faculty, and staff.
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meaning behind their design
or experience. The art can be
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anonymously or you can
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Bryant hosts Special Olympic Games



(Amanda Dunn)

By Nick Mancuso and Lauren Gainer
Contributing Writers

For the 30th year in a row, on Saturday April 24th, Bryant will once again continue the tradition of hosting the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Games. Special Olympics Athletes will come from throughout Northern Rhode Island to compete for a chance to move on to the Summer Games held at the University of Rhode Island.

The Bryant Games are planned, organized, and run by a committee of 20 dedicated Bryant University students. Overseen by the Games Director, Stephanie Kirk '10, and the Assistant Games Director, Nicholas Mancuso '12, the committee has put in countless hours and worked tirelessly

throughout this semester to put together yet another amazing event.

The Special Olympics is a global non-profit organization that was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Since its founding, Special Olympics has expanded into nearly 200 countries and served around 200 million people with intellectual disabilities. This event is one which inspires greatness, teamwork, understanding, and acceptance.

Too often we complain about the small and mundane inconveniences of daily life, yet we rarely think about what life is like for those with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics is a time to come together and recognize those people for their individual talents.

With this year's theme, "No Boundaries", the com-

mittee and all those involved are striving to surpass the expectations and records set in previous years. With the day of games around the corner, the Volunteers Core Director, Melanie Farbotko '10, and her committee have recruited nearly 200 volunteers.

"This has been one of the most rewarding and influential experiences of my Bryant Career" states Director Stephanie Kirk '10. "We welcome all faculty, staff, and students to bring their friends and family to volunteer on the day of games." To do so, please contact Melanie Farbotko at mfarbotk@bryant.edu. For those interested in donating, please contact Nathan Major at nmajor@bryant.edu. We hope you will come join us to break boundaries and make a difference.

Cancer Survivor Series: Kim Nates

Compiled by
Meridith Salvas and
Bridgit McNulty

1. What type of cancer were you diagnosed with?

I was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

2. When were you diagnosed? At what age?

I was diagnosed on June 11, 2007 in my senior year of High School, age 17.

3. What was your initial reaction to your diagnosis?

Obviously I was surprised and devastated by my diagnosis. Initially, I had thought

that I was sick with the flu, and it had never crossed my mind that someone my age could get cancer. Thinking back to that time, I'm still amazed by how I reacted in the first few days: worrying about finishing my midterms, going to "prom" without hair, telling my friends, what everyone would think, etc. It all seems so insignificant now.

4. Did you know of a family history of this particular type of cancer, or cancer in general?

Both sides of my family have a history of cancer in general. Three months before

my diagnosis, my mom was diagnosed with an early stage of breast cancer, which she managed to beat with radiotherapy and surgery.

5. What was your biggest challenge in overcoming this disease?

One of the biggest challenges was accepting my "new" body and its limitations. It was very difficult to be put in such a dependent position, and to rely on the support of others so much. What I wanted the most was to be able to continue my "normal" routine, so it was a challenge to keep that up

while my treatment was affecting me physically.

6. How did your diagnosis affect your friends and family?

I can't speak for how much or little it affected them, but I can say that both my friends and family offered me an unbelievable amount of support. The burden of my diagnosis and treatment fell mainly on my family who had to deal with looking after me physically and also emotionally. I think we all take out our frustrations the most on the one's

we love – and I was no exception. They were the ones who saw me in my "darkest hours" and they were the ones who came to every treatment and scan and appointment. What surprised me most was the reaction of my friends. My closest friends were especially supportive, but even fellow classmates of mine who I hardly knew showed support in unbelievable ways. This support was sometimes the only thing that

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Bryant players present ‘Guys and Dolls’

By Julie Kent
Staff writer

The Bryant Players will perform Guys and Dolls a musical fable of Broadway this weekend. The show times begin with Friday April 16th at 7 PM, Saturday April 17th at 7PM, and conclude with the final show on Sunday April 18th at 2 PM. All of the shows are in Janikies. The play is based on the writings of Damon Runyun and was originally produced as a musical by Frank Loesser. The classical musical opened on Broadway November 24, 1950 and ran for 1,200 performances. The play is a fable of what happens to gambling

men and the women who yearn to tame them. Set in the “City that Never Sleeps”, New York City, in the mid 20th century, the play is both funny and romantic with gangsters, gamblers, missionary dolls, and showgirls. The story all unwinds from a bet, Nathan Detroit bets Sky Masterson that Sky cannot seduce missionary Sister Sarah Brown. As Sky works his moves and charm on Sarah, Nathan is busy trying to steer his way out of marriage with his long suffering fiancée, Miss Adelaide. Although, all bets are off when Sky falls in love with Sarah.
The Bryant Players leads consist of Ethan Beise as Sky

Masterson, Mandie Dev as Sarah Brown, Matt Adams as Nathan Detroit, and Krissy Aucoin as Adelaide. Also, the director is Patty Hirx and the assistant director is Maggie Jones. The audience is sure to enjoy the musical as the cast sings and dances through a story that throws the Big Apple into a whirlwind. For more ticket information visit www.Bryantplayers.org or e-mail Bplayers@bryant.edu.



Top L-R: Krissy Aucoin and Matt Adams Bottom L-R: Ethan Beise and Mandy Dev (Courtesy of Bryant Players)

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What it means to be free: A journey in NZ

By Jonathan Ronzio
Contributing writer

I studied at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand through the Arcadia program. I was there from the end of June through the middle of November and the experience changed my life more than I could have ever imagined. I knew for a very long time that I would go abroad because I have a restless and adventurous spirit which in many ways is also why I chose New Zealand.

While many people are attracted to the European countries, which I do plan to see and are very intriguing and historically significant, I knew that I wanted more of an outdoors adventure in my time away. Hiking, climbing mountains, camping, just simply being with nature and roughing it, is what I love. I also seek adrenaline. New Zealand could provide all of this and more.

The school was bigger, the architecture was incredible, and in general Otago offered so much more. The science classes were more involved, whether it be studying rocks at the nearby dormant volcano or collecting marine samples and operating a submarine around the Otago harbor.

In the same week you could snowboard and surf, or hike to waterfalls, the botanical gardens, and glow-worm caves, see a glacier or see penguins, seals, and dolphins. We would party on the beach with a bonfire, guitars, and sleep in a huge cave, or make rounds at the many city bars within walking distance of school and our flats.

I would go back in a heartbeat and really almost didn't come home. I was very close to transferring there to finish school but I had spent all my money and my family was not excited about that idea.

When I look back between the skydiving, bungee jumping, snowboarding, surfing, zorbing, glacier climbing, sea kayaking, and canyoning, the experience that stands out above all the rest was an adventure at the very end of my time abroad. It wasn't the most daring, intense, or exciting, but it was the most life changing.

Classes had finished and I wasn't flying out to the Cook Islands for another few weeks. Aaron Daigle, two of his friends from up in Christchurch, and I decided

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got me through tough times. Even today, the support of my family and friends in something like Relay For Life is incredibly touching.

7. What do you enjoy most about life now?

I love being alive! I love my long(ish) hair. I love being at school. I love being surrounded by my family and friends who support me – and letting go of people that weigh me down. Life is short and unexpected – I love doing what makes me happy.

8. Do you have any hobbies?

Yes, I do! This year I am the president of Colleges Against Cancer and have helped to organize Relay For Life at Brown University – an amazing event that everyone should take part in.

to hike the Kepler Track in Fiordland which is on the southern west coast of the South Island. We jumped in the car, drove out to Te Anau, and set up tents right beside the lake for the night. In the morning we packed our supplies and started hiking around the lake edge and up the mountain through the forests. It took about five hours to reach the Luxmore hut where we would stay the night (with no electricity or heat).

After dropping our packs, we went to the Luxmore caves and spent the next half hour venturing alongside limestone and stalactite formations deep into the mountain. After that, we climbed the summit of Mount Luxmore to watch the sunset over the endless snow-capped peaks and fiords that surrounded us.

That night the hours were passed eating oatmeal, brewing tea, feeding logs to the

fire, and gazing at more stars than I could have ever dreamed existed. The next morning we had to pack up and trek back down the mountain instead of carrying on across the track as ice and high avalanche dangers had made certain parts impassable.

Once back to the car a little later that day, I made a choice.

'This experience really showed me who I was to the core, without material commodities, and showed me an essence and beauty of life I never knew.'

Aaron, Eric, and Doug were going to continue on Milford road and kayak at the Milford sound but I had already done this earlier in the semester. I secured my sleeping bag, tent, and pack with warm clothing, water, enough food to get by, a book, and some wine, and they dropped me off on the outskirts of town.

I had decided to hitch home, (hitch-hiking is a little

more socially acceptable and common in New Zealand, though still tough to find rides). Initially I had the intent of getting back to Dunedin as soon as possible, but the intrigue of the open roads and country side was too inviting and I knew I had nothing to be back for anytime soon, and so I turned off my phone and I walked, went

where the rides where going.

For the next 4 days I caught rides between Te Anau, Queenstown, Wanaka, Cromwell, Alexandra, Roxburgh, and finally back to Dunedin. All the while I met the most interesting and generous people, shared some incredible stories (one British couple on a documentary photography journey even changed their plans to spend the night drinking and playing guitar with me then camp on Lake Wakatipu in Queenstown), and saw much of the

island I wouldn't have otherwise.

Sometimes I would walk miles on miles before a ride came along but I didn't mind, I would sit down and read The Dharma Bums by Jack Kerouac to keep my spirits. Wherever I ended up when the sun went down, I would walk up into the hills or down to a lake or river and set up my tent. Drinking wine under the southern constellations before turning in, and skipping rocks on the mirrored waters in the morning dew.

It was on the fourth day that a trucker picked me up and happened to be headed to Dunedin, and I was home, on a natural high unlike anything I'd felt before. This experience really showed me who I was to the core, without material commodities, and showed me an essence and beauty of life I never knew. I learned so much about myself and gained a new level of independence and confidence. To never be freer was to live without knowing what came next.

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Eye on Entrepreneurs: MUSA Custom Shoes

By Michael Slafsky
Staff Writer



Mallory Musante

One of the key attributes any entrepreneur needs is creativity. Bryant graduate Mallory Musante ('09) has plenty of that. Mallory, who majored in Marketing, is the founder and lead designer of MUSA. Started in 2009, MUSA is a small startup company that designs custom shoes. With a goal of creating shoes that reflect the customer's personality and style, MUSA is working to provide all types of shoes to women.

Mallory developed the idea for the company because of her desire to design shoes.

Mallory also had a passion for painting and decided to combine both painting and designing to create custom shoes for women. After noticing the lack of custom shoes on the market, Mallory combined her love for art and shoes to create MUSA.

Mallory's life as an entrepreneur is not an easy one. She continues to work another job to raise capital for her company. When Mallory gets home, she goes back to working on her shoes and the company for hours at a time. As of today, she is still waiting for a large order of shoes to come in so she can increase her production. When this order comes in, Mallory will start painting and selling the shoes on her website (www.MusaCustomShoes.com). She knows that once she officially launches the company, she will be working non-stop to be successful.

Mallory believes a lot of her success comes from being a student at Bryant. As a student she further developed her ideas by doing a directed study. She says that "...although a lot of our classes at Bryant involve projects starting a business, I felt a directed study would give me the individual attention I would need to really solidify my ideas." Working with Professor Elaine Notorantonio, Musante

did all her research and produced a business plan. That individual attention would lead Mallory to where she is today.

Mallory believes one of the positive aspects of going to Bryant University was the resources. Faculty and other students are always available to help solve problems and work you to become successful. She also has met a lot of people at Bryant, and with all the contacts, she will be able to call anyone whenever she needs help or advice.

One of those people is Professor Sandra Potter. Mallory continues to work with her even though she has graduated. Of Professor Potter, Mallory says, "She has helped me develop my ideas and has been a great support system for me for whenever I need to bounce ideas off someone or if I have a question that needs to be answered." With all she learned from Bryant and all of the positivity surrounding her, she knows that her business will be profitable.

Mallory knows that her background and education will help her in her work. She also knows it will take a lot of hard work and long hours. But with hard work and her positive attitude, Mallory and MUSA will be successful.

Three reasons why you should partner with local businesses



Local businesses thrive when they partner with neighboring businesses. (MCT Campus)

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

As many of you know, I'm in the process of gearing up for the launch of Green Mountain Mustard in late May. We're slowly entering the market, but I'm doing things a little bit differently this time around, from when I launched Eddie's Energy Bars. I'm looking to partner with more local businesses as a propeller for all involved and to get my foot back into the community and really start making a difference. It was with this new found partnership philosophy that I thought I would write up the benefits of partnering with local businesses.

1. Face-to-Face interaction: I love working with people who I can go meet at August First for coffee or at On the Rise Bakery for a tea cake or wood-fired bagel, because I can see them, look them in the eye, and talk business. I've had many calls from PR firms outside of the state asking to assist with my PR. No thank you. I work with people, especially when it comes to marketing, who I can convey ideas to in person.

2. Money goes into local economies: When you spend \$100 at a national chain, only \$44 goes back into the community, however, when

you spend that same \$100 with a local business, \$68 goes back into the community. It's a shift that I'm willing to make as much as possible. Some of that money may very well be spent on my own products. All the more reason to partner up.

3. Creating a Web of Contacts: The more local business people I know, the more people I know, and can recommend them to. For my mustard company, two businesses in town are working with me to meet the customer's needs. I've got On the Rise Bakery generating interest and use by putting our mustard on their sandwiches, but they have nowhere to sell it. That's where the Richmond Market comes in and sells the mustard for me, as the owner only wants to sell retail. It's a perfect relationship driven by helping local businesses out. This web extends far beyond Richmond, my hometown in Vermont, however, and heads into Burlington where there is an abundance of contacts that I've made who have also helped me out in launching all of my businesses.

So there you have it. Partnering with local businesses is a lot easier than it seems. Most of the time, it's just one question away: Want to partner up?

SIFE Credit Craze: Things to know before taking out a college loan



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By John Paul Sullivan
Contributing Writer

The average college student in the United States graduates from college owing \$21,000. This statistic may not seem that high but at an interest rate of 8%, which is the average interest rate on a student loan, this amount can certainly add up fast. Let's say you invested the same money into a Roth IRA instead of being used to pay back the loan. Assuming you contribute the \$3,000 a year to a Roth IRA for 4 years, or \$12,000, you can expect that simple \$21,000 to be worth close to \$90,000 by the time you reach retirement age.

Another key point to consider is to be sure not to take out too much in loans. How much is too much? Your college loan payments should not consume more than 10% of your total monthly budget. Assuming an interest rate of 8%, for every thousand dollars a student borrows \$12.00 a month is added to the monthly payment. So if you borrow the average \$21,000 you would want to have a minimum yearly salary of

\$33,000 in order for the loan to consume only 10% of your income.

However, what if you borrow your entire education? Tuition at Bryant alone costs \$33,000 a year. Over four years that amount becomes \$132,000. If you graduate college owing that much, it could cause a true financial disaster. According to most savings experts and the data that was previously presented, you would have to have a starting salary of over

'Unlike other loans, it is nearly impossible to declare bankruptcy on student loans.'

\$200,000 in order for the loan to consume only 10% of your income and to barely affect your standard of living.

Also when considering student loans make sure you will be able to pay the loan back. Unlike other loans it is nearly impossible to declare bankruptcy on student loans. So make sure that with the career you are pursuing you will be able to have a high enough income to pay the loan back.

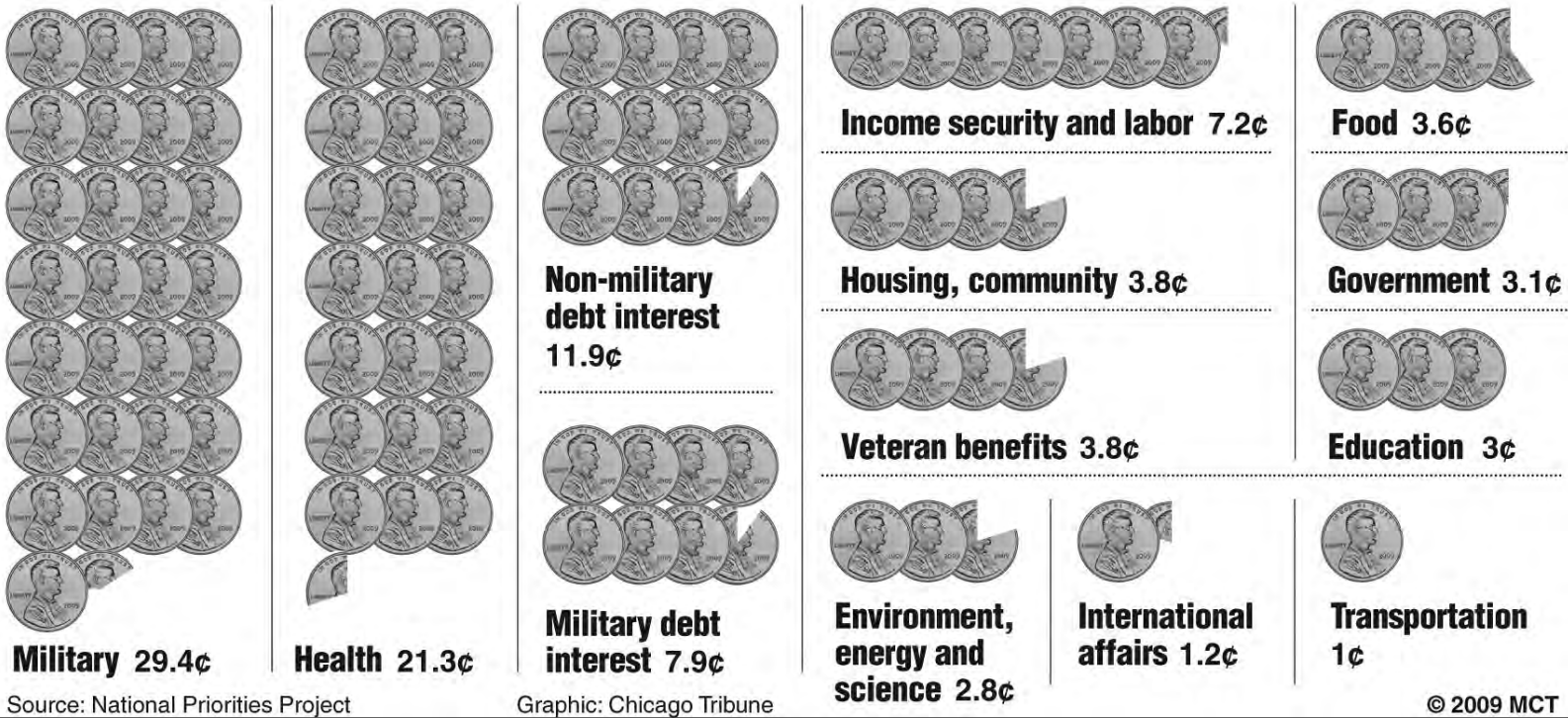
Basically, if you can, don't take out any college loans unless they are subsidized by the government. If you must take out college loans make sure that the monthly payments do not exceed 10% of your monthly income.

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How your federal tax dollar was spent

In its annual report, "Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?," the National Priorities Project offers a breakdown of how the federal government spent the median-income family's 2008 tax payments.



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SIFE Credit Craze: Why taxes are taken out of your paycheck

By Donald Pearce
Contributing Writer

Many of us already have jobs and receive paychecks, but I'm sure that at one time or another we have all wondered what these taxes on our paychecks mean and why they are taken out. Hopefully after reading this you will have a better understanding of the significance of these numbers. You will also learn about our progressive tax system, and how people at different levels of income are affected by this.

The two most important taxes that you should know about are the FICA tax and the Medicare tax. FICA is an abbreviation for the Social Security tax, which is a monetary benefit you will receive when you retire. The way this works is that you get 6.2% of

your gross income taken out of each of your paychecks, which is matched by your employer. This money is taken by the government and given back to you incrementally once you reach the age of 65, which is the normal retirement age. In order to receive this, you should have worked for at least 40 quarters (10 years) making at least a specified amount of money. However, there is a limit on the amount of Social Security taxes that can be taken out of your paycheck, which is \$106,800 as of 2010.

The Medicare tax is another tax you have probably seen on your paycheck, which is 1.45% of your gross income that is withheld by the gov-

ernment so you are covered by Medicare once you reach the age of 65. This amount is also matched by your employer. Very simply, there are four parts of Medicare: A, B,

'State and Federal income taxes are based on a progressive tax system, which places a higher tax burden on the more wealthy individuals with higher household income.'

C and D. The two main parts are parts A & B, which cover your hospital and doctor's visits, respectively.

Other taxes that are taken out of your paycheck are your Federal and State taxes. Your Federal income tax is credited against any tax you would owe the federal government when you file a tax return.

The State income tax varies depending on which state you live in, and also which state you work in. You may not have any withholdings, or you could have multiple withholdings if you live in one state and work in another. Two important factors that will change the amount of State and Federal income taxes that you pay are whether your are single or married, and also how many allowances you claim on the W-4 Form you filed with your employer.

State and Federal income taxes are based on a progressive tax system, which places a higher tax burden on the more wealthy individuals with higher household income. Since this is based solely on household income,

this protects the poorer classes from a higher tax obligation, and also helps individuals who experience a loss in income to be taxed less heavily. As of 2010, individuals who make over \$373,650 are taxed at 35%, and individuals who make under \$8,375 are taxed at 10%. Our progressive tax system also includes some tax credits and exemptions that helps an individual lower their tax burden once their income starts to rise.

Hopefully after reading this, you have gained a better understanding of what the taxes taken out of your paycheck mean and when you will be able to get that withheld money back, and also how the progressive tax system works.

Kindle, iPad, and switching costs

By Michael Roberto
Faculty Contributor

I'm quite intrigued by the Kindle app designed for the iPad. Several months ago, my wife purchased me a Kindle. I love the device, particularly when I travel. With the introduction of the iPad, I began thinking about the issue of switching costs.


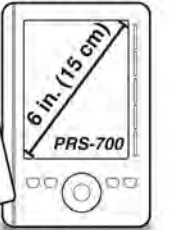
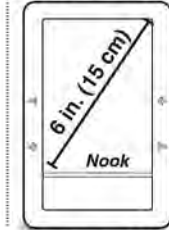
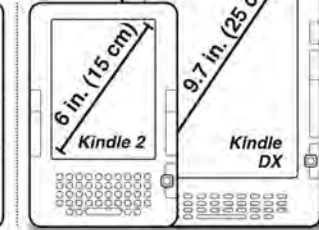
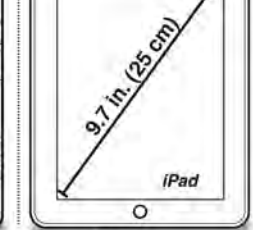
Would I be reluctant to buy an iPad because there would "costs" associated with switching platforms. Specifically, I worried that I would not have access to all the books I've purchased from Amazon on my Kindle. Well, with the Kindle app, those switching costs go away. You can read your Kindle e-books on the iPad with no trouble at all.

iBooks purchased from Apple's e-book store cannot be read on the Kindle at this time. It's relatively rare to have situations such as this

one, where the switching costs are not symmetrical. Clearly, this situation may make it much easier for folks to abandon their Kindles and adopt the iPad.

This conclusion about switching costs leads to one obvious question: Why would Jeff Bezos and Amazon decide to make it so easy to switch? Clearly, Amazon wants to be a big player in the e-book market. While they would like to also be a key player in the e-reader market, they don't want to lose out on the e-book market of the future simply because they are trying to protect the Kindle device sales. By making the Kindle app for the iPad and iPhone, they insure that they can compete on multiple platforms for e-book customers. They avoid simply forfeiting all iPad consumers to Apple.

How about Jobs? Is he happy about the Kindle app? Sure, he's quite content in

A little more competition				
Apple's new iBooks app, loaded on all new iPads, will offer some stiff competition to other e-readers on the market.				
				
	Sony	Barnes and Noble	Amazon	Apple
Price	\$199-\$299	\$249	\$300-\$489	\$499-\$829
Size	380 MB-512 MB	2 GB	2 GB, 4 GB	16 GB, 32 GB, 64 GB
Connectivity	USB	3G wireless, Wi-Fi	3G wireless	3G wireless, Wi-Fi
Music, movies	Yes, No	Yes, No	Yes, No	Yes, Yes
Special features	• Touchscreen navigation	• Smaller color screen on bottom has touchscreen navigation	• Reads books out loud • Physical keyboard	• Full color screen • Ability to run all apps from Apple's App Store
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many ways. After all, Apple's iStrategy involves making hefty margins on each of these devices. The broader the array of apps and digital con-

tent (music, books, movies), the more likely consumers will purchase high-margin devices such as the iPad from Apple. Since Amazon's e-

book library is larger than Apple's at this time, the Kindle app can be helpful in increasing adoption of the iPad.

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Pair of walk-off homeruns for Skagerlind

*Courtesy of
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Sophomore first baseman Jamie Skagerlind (Holden, Mass.) hit a walk-off home run for the second time in as many days in Game 1, and Bryant scored 5 unearned runs in the bottom of the ninth of Game 2 to vault the Bulldogs to a sweep of rival Central Connecticut State on Sunday at the Bryant Baseball complex. Bryant won the seven-inning opener 6-5 and took the nine-inning nightcap 10-9 in what was a very wild Sunday afternoon of baseball. With the pair of wins, Bryant improves its record to 13-15 overall and 5-3 in the NEC. CCSU fell to 10-11 overall and 6-6 in the NEC with the losses.

Skagerlind's déjà-walkoff overshadowed a new career high in strikeouts for senior pitcher Eric Polvani (Wallingford, Conn.). The right hander struck out 13 batters without walking a batter in 6.1 innings of work, breaking his previous record of 12 which he set in a game earlier this year at Monmouth.

Bryant jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the opener behind a sacrifice fly from freshmen Dan Muscatello (Hopkington, Mass.) and an RBI single by freshmen Kevin Brown (Northborough, Mass.). Brown finished the first game going 4-4 with a home run, a triple, 2 RBI and 2 runs scored, coming up just a double shy of the cycle.

Central Connecticut State came right back to tie the score at 2-2 in the top of the third with a two-out rally.



Jamie Skagerlind of Holden, Mass. (BryantBulldogs)

After Anthony Scialdone reached on an error, Pat Epps doubled to left center to put runners on second and third for first baseman Tommy Meade, who wasted no time in taking Polvani's first offering for a game-tying base-hit to left field plating both runners.

Bryant would regain the lead 3-2 in the bottom of the third with a sacrifice fly by Skagerlind, scoring senior catcher Jeff Vigurs (South Windsor, Conn.), who lead off the inning with a single through the right side.

Brown's fifth home run of his first season in black and gold gave Bryant its biggest lead of the game at 5-2 in the bottom of the sixth, and it looked as if Bryant would cruise to a win to start the afternoon.

But for the second consecutive day, a last inning rally from CCSU extended the game, this time with the Blue Devils scoring three times in the top of the seventh to even the score at 5-5. Pinch hitter Chris Renzoni got the rally started with one out, ironically on Polvani's personal best 13th strikeout, as the third strike scurried away from Vigurs allowing Renzoni to reach base.

A Sean Miller-Jones bunt single and a Sean Allaire RBI single forced Polvani from the game in favor of closer Mark Andrews (Hillsborough, N. J.). After a hit by pitch to load the bases, Andrews struck out Epps for the second out of the inning. But Tommy Meade gave Andrews his second blown save in as many days with a single to left field, scoring Miller-Jones and Allaire,

who beat the tag from Vigurs on the play to tie the game. Andrews would strike out Mitch Wells to end the inning and bring Bryant up to bat in the bottom of the seventh with the game knotted at 5-5.

After a Zakary Cianciolo (Prospect, Conn.) groundout, Skagerlind stepped to the plate. The sophomore took Roy Natoli's first pitch and drilled a home run over the right field fence, giving Bryant its second game-ending home run on the weekend. Skagerlind has two home runs this season, both coming this weekend in walk-off fashion.

Game 2 of the double header saw CCSU break open a 5-5 game with 2 runs in the eighth and ninth innings, respectively. Up 9-5 heading into the final frame, Jordan

English (Windsor Locks, Conn.) started the inning off with a line drive single past second baseman Miller-Jones, knocking starting pitcher Meade from the game. After a Vigurs groundout, Nick Campbell's (Raynham, Mass.) ground ball to shortstop was misplayed by Scialdone. Campbell's hustle got him to second base on the play, putting runners on second and third and one out. A Dylan Stone (Portsmouth, RI) walk brought the tying run to the plate, setting up CCSU's second error of the inning.

Meade, who had moved to first base, could not handle a low throw from the third baseman Wells off a ground ball by Cianciolo, bringing the score to 9-6 and putting the winning run at the plate. Skagerlind followed with an RBI single to center, and a Tim Norton (Barnstable, Mass.) groundout to third brought Bryant to within one run at 9-8. With runners on second and third and two outs, Sophomore transfer David Soltis (Plainville, Conn.) laced a line drive single over shortstop Scialdone's outreached glove, and Cianciolo and Skagerlind raced home to give the Bulldogs the sweep.

John Michael Ryan (Worcester, Mass.) received the win in relief, his first of the season, to improve his record to 1-3 on the season. Skagerlind went 3-5 in the second game with 2 RBI, while Stone followed with a solid 2-4 showing. Miller-Jones reached base all six times he came to the plate, finishing the second game 3-3 with two doubles, three walks, and three RBI.

Bulldogs put on strong showing at Brown Invitational

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The Bryant University men's and women's track and field teams saw strong performances from many of their members Saturday at the Brown Outdoor Invitational, highlighted by fourth- and seventh-place finishes for the teams, respectively.

Tom O'Connor (Westwood, Mass.) led the Bulldogs to a fourth-place team finish in the six-team field with another stellar day on the track, where the junior earned a pair of top-3 finishes, including taking first place in the 200-meter dash in a time of 22.44. The time ties his own season mark for the best in the event of the 2010 season.

O'Connor doubled his hardware in the 400-meter dash, crossing the finish line in second place with a time of 49.57, just over a second behind the winner. That time falls just .03 seconds shy of qualifying for the New England Championships but is also a season-best in the

400m by any Bulldog on the year.

Rookie Joe Pugliano (West Springfield, Mass.) took top-10 finishes in both of O'Connor's events, taking ninth in the 200m and earning his best mark of the day in the 400m with an eighth-place finish (51.66). Sophomore Ben Polichronopoulos (South Berwick, Maine) gave the Bulldogs a trio of top-10 finishes in the 400-meter dash, coming in 10th with a time of 52.59.

Sophomore Anthony Monteiro (Leominster, Mass.) placed in the top-10 in both the 110-meter and the 400-meter hurdles, taking his best finish of the day in the former, finishing fourth in a time of 16.66 after finishing third in the prelims. Monteiro took ninth in the 400m hurdles in 58.53, six places behind teammate Andrew Fitzgerald (New Hartford, Conn.), whose third-place finish in the event came in at a season-best 55.35 seconds and qualifies the junior for the New England Championships in May. Fitzgerald would also take fifth in the long jump with a

hop of 6.39 meters, another team-best on the 2010 campaign.

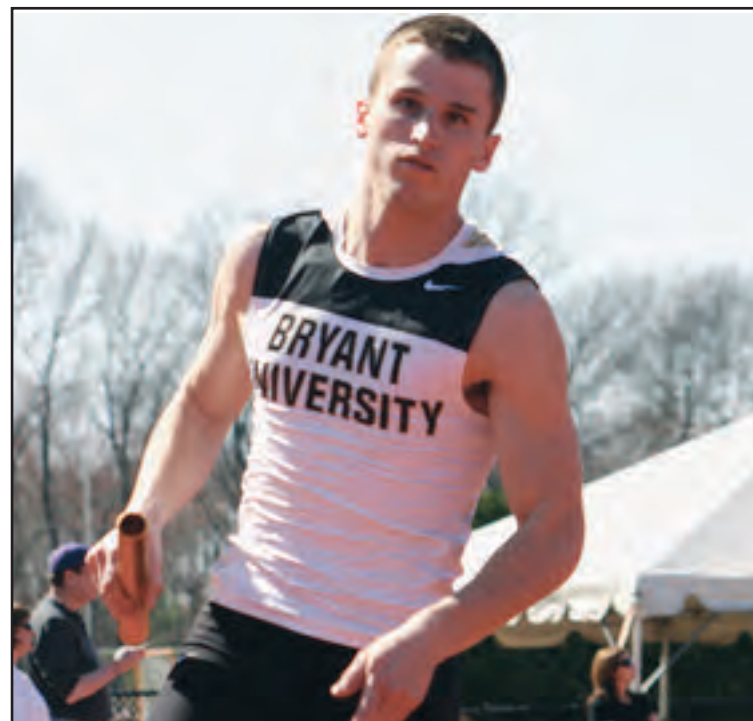
The Bulldog men took two more third-place finishes on the day, first with a 13.03-meter triple jump from Chris Brida (Southampton, Mass.) and then with a time of 3:25.82 in the 4x400-meter relay.

Bryant would finish with 47 points on the men's side that was won by host Brown with a score of 181.

On the women's side, the Bryant 4x100-meter relay team would earn the best finish of the day for the team, taking third in a time of 52.79 – the fastest time for the Bulldog women so far this season.

A pair of high jumpers in sophomore Joanna Chanaj (Peabody, Mass.) and senior Mel Farbotko (Brookline, N.H.) split sixth-place honors with identical jumps of 1.50 meters for the Bulldog women's only other top-10 finishes.

Freshman Amanda Dilley (Melbourne, Fla.) earned 11th in the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 18.74, just edging out teammate Rebecca Ptak (Rocky



Tom O'Connor during a relay race (BryantBulldogs.com)

Hill, Conn.), who earned a 13th-place finish in the same event in 20.43 seconds.

The Bryant women scored 11 points in the outing with host Brown also taking the top team spot on the women's side with 225 points.

The Bryant track and field

teams return to action Saturday, April 17 at the Holy Cross Invitational.

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The good and the bad



Phil Mickelson receives the green jacket atThe Master's at Augusta National Country Club (MCT Campus)

By David Niles
Staff Writer

The good: The new Tiger Woods ad by Nike was genius on Nike's part. Ads are supposed to generate publicity and this one certainly had everyone talking. People questioned Nike's use of Tiger's deceased father as a marketing tool. But they are a corporation whose purpose is the pursuit of profits.

The bad: I am not sure the ad did wonders for Tiger's image. Why would he ok this? Maybe Tiger is becoming Nike - a corporate entity in the pursuit of profits. The good: Phil Mickleson winning another green jacket and the scene with his wife as he walked off the course. The bad: Tiger's new on course demeanor. We didn't see Tiger angrily swing a club and curse (until he hit his first

bad shot) or fist pump (until he hit his first big putt). The good: Commercial Free Masters coverage. The bad: Coverage starting at 4pm Thursday/Friday and 2pm on the weekend. The good: Fred couples playing in tennis shoes and no socks. The bad: The Celtics. All year we kept saying once they got healthy, they would be fine. They are as healthy as they

are going to get and seem to be a team searching for an identity. They don't seem to remember how to play defense and their bench lacks any offensive punch that a contender normally has. The good: I am glad to see Coach K turn down the Nets offer and remain at Duke. It's nice to see someone turn down millions of dollars because their happiness can't be bought. His legacy will benefit from it as well. Who has the more endearing legacies? Spurrier and Pitino or Paterno and John Wooden? The bad: Yankees radio broadcaster John Sterling and his home run calls. The good: Mark Buehrle made the "web Gem" of the year in the first game of the year. He made a kick save on a grounder up the middle, chased the ball into foul ground down the first base line and tossed the ball between his legs to first base for the out. Incredible. The bad: David Ortiz lashed out at the media in game 2 and was ejected for arguing balls and strikes in game 4. This is going to be a long and frustrating season for Big Papi. The good: The other coach from the NCAA's national champion, Butler's Brad Stevens, signed a 12-year con-

tract extension to stay with the Bulldogs. Now, I don't expect this contract will last the entire dozen years but he still left a lot of money and higher profile jobs on the table to stay with the school that gave him a chance at such a young age. The bad: Not sure if you saw the President throw out the first pitch again this year. He should stick to basketball. The good: Braves rookie Jason Heyward. The highly touted prospect hits a home run on the first strike he sees as a major leaguer. The large power hitter is also projected to steal 30-40 bases, provides great defense, and his humility has already caught his teammates attention. The bad: The Marlins and their 35million dollar pay roll. This team was dead last in payroll in 2008 and 2009 and still won 84 games of more each year. Imagine how good they could be if their ownership opened their wallets and added a few free agents to their talented group of young studs. It's only a matter of time before Hanley Ramirez is back in the American League East. The Good: Any Red Sox-Yankee Series. The Bad: The Umpires complaining the games are too long.

Softball snaps losing streak with late rally

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Down 5-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, the Bryant University softball team strung together seven runs to take a 7-5 lead over visiting Fairleigh Dickinson and snap a 14-game losing streak on Sunday at the Bryant Softball Complex. The Bulldogs split in double-header action, dropping the first game 5-3 to the Knights. The win also gives the Bulldogs (4-27, 1-9 NEC) their first Northeast Conference victory of the 2010 campaign and drops Fairleigh Dickinson to 10-20 overall and 2-6 in the NEC. The Knights scored one run in the top of the first, two in the fifth and three in the sixth to take a 5-0 lead over the Bulldogs heading into the bottom of the sixth. Only six outs away from their 15th consecutive loss, the Bulldogs led off the bottom of the frame with a walk drawn by freshman Kate Murray (Fitchburg, Mass.). Senior captain Ashley Coon (Levittown, Pa.) followed Murray with a single up the middle to give the Bulldogs runners on first and second with no outs.

Freshman Christina Eringis (Tewksbury, Mass.) loaded the bases for the Bulldogs as she drew another walk off FDU pitcher Kirsten Shreve. Senior shortstop Ali Chouinard (Swansea, Mass.) reached base on a fielder's choice to earn her fifth RBI of the season as the Knights attempted to get Murray out at the plate but were unsuccessful. With the bases still loaded and no outs on the board, freshman Talia Zizza (Reading, Mass.) singled to left center to score Coon and Eringis and cut the deficit to 5-3. Sophomore Lindsay Martin (Methuen, Mass.) reached on a fielder's choice, which plated Chouinard and moved Zizza to second. With the Bulldogs down one, 5-4, the Knights brought in senior pitcher Trina Fields. Fields was able to strikeout Kim Leonard (Milford, Mass.) to get the Knights their first out of the inning but allowed a sacrifice fly to pinch hitter Jen Jacob (Deer Park, N.Y.) in the next at bat. Jacob's sacrifice scored junior captain Sami Houseal (Mount Joy, Pa.), who had pinch run for Zizza. It was the game-tying run and Houseal's second in as many days, the first two of her career.

With two outs and the score knotted up at five apiece, Bryant had its best hitter at the plate in sophomore Laura Bowen (Hudson, Mass.). The consistent leadoff batter singled between the first and second basemen to plate Martin for the go-ahead run. Murray, who started the rally with a walk, tripled in the next Bryant at bat and scored Bowen to give the Bulldogs a little insurance heading into the seventh inning. Freshman Brittany Hart (North Andover, Mass.) was able to retire the first Fairleigh Dickinson batter but allowed a walk in the next at bat and a single to left fielder Mikayla Fernandez to put runners on first and second with one out. Just two outs away from the victory, Bryant third baseman Regi Burdo (Wayne, Pa.) turned an unassisted double play as she fielded a grounder, stepped on third and fired over to first base to nab FDU's Caitlin Bradac in time. Hart earned her third win of the season as Shreve took the loss for the Knights. Chouinard was the only Bulldog with multiple hits in the game, going 2-3 with one RBI. In the day's first game the



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Knights took a 5-3 decision over the Bulldogs, despite being outhit 7-6. FDU picked up one run in the top of the first and four in the top of the fourth to complete its scoring for the game. Bryant committed a season-high six errors in game one. Houseal pitched her seventh complete game of the season, allowing six hits and no earned runs, but is still

searching for her first win as she dropped to 0-12. FDU's Bradac earned the win, throwing all seven innings and allowing just two earned runs. Chouinard and Bowen both had multi-hit games in the opening game of the doubleheader, each going 2-3 from the plate. Bowen picked up her team-leading 11th double of the season while Chouinard hit her first triple.

Lauren Filippone
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Women's Lax
Filippone (West Babylon, N.Y.) matched a career high with her 17-save performance, facing 38 Mountaineer shots on the day, 30 of them on goal

Jamie Skagerlind
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Baseball
Skagerlind hit two walk off homeruns in as many days over the weekend versus Central Connecticut to help Bryant sweep the weekend series

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Weisenberg scored eight goals and collected nine points in two games for the Bulldogs.
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Weisenberg and McMahon earn conference honors

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Bulldog lacrosse sophomore midfielder Max Weisenberg (Long Beach, N.Y.) and freshman attacker Peter McMahon (Wilton, Conn.) earned weekly conference accolades for their performances on Bryant's 1-1 week, selected as NEC Player and Rookie of the Week, respectively.

Weisenberg scored eight goals and collected nine points in just two games for the Bulldogs, recording or tying the game high in goals and points in both outings. The first-line middie scored a trio of tallies and added an assist in a closely contested 9-7 loss to nationally ranked cross-town rival Brown Tuesday night on the road, and followed it up by collecting a career-high five goals and a career-high five points in a double-overtime win over league foe Robert Morris in Moon Township, Pa. Saturday afternoon.

Against No. 20 Brown, Weisenberg scored a pair of man-up goals and added another tally, unassisted, with just nine seconds to go before the halftime break. His final score jumpstarted an uninterrupted four-goal run in the fourth quarter that tied the

game at 7-7 with six minutes to play. He chipped in an assist during the stretch as well, dishing out the helper on the goal that got the Bulldogs to within one, 7-6.

The Long Beach, N.Y. native continued his impressive play Saturday against RMU, scoring five goals on just six shots to tie a game best. Weisenberg notched the first tally of the game to give Bryant a 1-0 lead and continued from there, scoring three game-tying goals -- including the tally that re-knotted the score at 10-10 in the end of the third -- and recording a go-ahead goal for the Bulldogs in the third that gave visiting Bryant a temporary 9-8 edge. Weisenberg also picked up two ground balls against the Colonials, nabbing his first-ever selection as NEC Player of the Week.

McMahon rivaled his teammates weeklong performance, collecting a pair of stellar performances to help lead the Bulldogs to a 1-1 record. The frosh posted eight points and four goals in two contests to earn his second NEC Rookie of the Week accolade.

A starting attackman, McMahon was integral in Bryant's 15-14 double-overtime win over Robert Morris Saturday, scoring a career-high four goals and adding a pair of assists for a career-best and game-high six points on

the day. The freshman scored back-to-back unassisted tallies to break a 4-4 tie in the second frame and regained a two-goal lead for the Bulldogs to complete his second-career hat trick early in the third period. McMahon scored his fourth and final goal -- all of them coming unassisted -- with 5:12 to play in regulation, knotting the score at 13-13. The Connecticut native also dished out a pair of helpers, the first coming on the game's opening score to give Bryant a 1-0 advantage and the second starting off the final period to knot the game at 11-11.

McMahon started off the week with a game-best two assists in a closely contested 9-7 loss at No. 20 Brown Tuesday, both helpers coming on man-up opportunities.

The rookie picked up a career-best four ground balls against the Colonials Saturday and added another against the Bears. He fired 11 shots on the week, a career-high eight against RMU, and forced one caused turnover. McMahon leads all freshmen and is second on the team in scoring with 22 points (10g, 12a).

The Bulldogs (7-4) return to action Saturday, April 17 when they host league rival Sacred Heart in a 2 p.m. matchup at Bulldog Stadium.

Women's Tennis picks up wins over Holy Cross and Manhattan

*Courtesy of
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The Bryant University women's tennis team picked up a 7-0 win over Manhattan College on Sunday afternoon at the U.S. Tennis Center. The Bulldogs took the opening doubles point when Claudia Hidalgo and Valeria Couto Cuervo earned a win at No. 1 doubles when Lili Jonnson and Stephanie Tsao were forced to retire due to injury. The Bulldogs were up 6-1 in the match at the time of the injury.

In singles play, Hidalgo was victorious at No. 1 while Couto Cuervo defeated Hillary Valenzuela 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2 singles. Katie Francazio and Irma Rodriguez Lockwood both rallied back after

dropping their first sets to earn wins at No. 3 and No. 4 singles respectively with 10-6 wins in the tiebreaker.

Taking four out of six singles matches on Tuesday afternoon, the Bryant University women's tennis team has now won two dual matches in a row as it defeated Holy Cross, 4-3, at the Bryant Tennis Complex.

After dropping two out of three doubles matches to give Holy Cross the lone doubles point, Bryant's No. 1 and No. 2 singles players won their matches in convincing fashion.

Freshman Claudia Hidalgo (Guayaquil, Ecuador) won in the No. 1 singles slot in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-0. Junior Valeria Couto Cuervo (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico) dismantled Holy Cross' Carolyn Chandley in similar fashion, defeating her 6-1 and 6-0 as

well. Hidalgo and Couto Cuervo also teamed up for the lone Bulldog win in the doubles matches by a margin of 8-4.

Emily Marr of the Crusaders was able to take the No. 3 singles match. After falling behind 3-0 in her match, Bryant junior Morganne Downing (Cherry Hills Village, Colo.) retired due to injury to even the score at two apiece.

The Bulldogs went on to win two of the last three singles matches to earn their second consecutive victory.

Bryant's Katie Francazio (Cranston, R.I.) defeated Hailee Lange in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 4 singles position while senior Chelsea Downing (Cherry Hills Village, Colo.) defeated Holy Cross' Kathryn Wilkie 6-3, 6-2 in the No. 6 slot.

Top 10...

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

...Masters Moments

10. Honorary Starters

Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus started off the tournament hitting tee shots off the first hole as this year's honorary starters. The two have won ten Masters between them.

9. Tiger & K.J.

Paired together in the first two rounds, the two ended up playing all four rounds together. The two both ended up finished tied for fourth at eleven under.

8. Tom Watson

The 60 year old shot an opening round 67. He was the only player to have a bogey free opening round. He ended up finishing tied for 18th at one under par. Watson's son Michael, who caddied for him this week, proposed to his fiancée at Augusta earlier in the week.

7. Eagles

This tournament saw a ton of eagles. In the third round, Phil Mickelson eagled both the 13th and 14th holes and came extremely close to three in a row on the 15th. Tiger Woods had two eagles himself in the opening round.

6. Matteo Manassero

An amateur from Italy, Manassero at age 16 is the youngest player ever to be in the field at the Masters. Manassero, the defending British Amateur Champion, finished the tournament at just four over par. Look for big things from Manassero in the future.

5. Fred Couples

Fred Couples shot an opening round 66, his lowest round ever at the Masters. At 50 years old, Couples is the oldest player to hold a lead at the Masters. Couples did all this while wearing a pair of sneaker like golf shoes that sparked a lot of conversation.

4. Jason Thompson

Sitting in the gallery behind the ninth green on Friday, Jason Thompson of South Carolina got a little more than he bargained for. Matt Kuchar's wayward approach shot landed directly in Thompson's cup of beer.

3. The Return

After a five month hiatus, Woods showed up at the Masters and shot an opening round 68, his career best round at the Masters. Woods did manage to finish tied for fourth place a great accomplishment in itself but not up to Woods' standards. Usually very long off the tee, Woods only averaged 283 yards in driving distance this week (Dustin Johnson led the field averaging 300.75 yards off the tee). Woods did not say when he will play again; he said he will take some time to "reassess" his game.

2. Mother Nature

Phil Mickelson was in the backswing of his birdie putt on the second hole in the final round. Suddenly, a stamen fell from a pine tree directly between the ball and the hole. The putt rolled right over the stamen like a speed bump. A stunned Mickelson made the par and battled on shooting 67 in the final round.

1. Amy Mickelson

After winning his third Masters, Phil Mickelson walked off the 18th green and was greeted by his three children and his wife, Amy. Eleven months ago, Amy was diagnosed with breast cancer and the Masters was the first tournament she traveled to since her diagnosis. Still battling the disease, Amy stayed at the home the family rented in Augusta all week only making it to the course on Sunday. After a long, trying year for the family, the embrace between Amy and Phil was a great moment in sports.

Bryant On Tap

Friday, April 16th:

- Baseball, at St. Mary's, 3:00 pm
- Women's Lacrosse, HOME vs. Robert Morris, 4:00 pm
- Golf, at UMass Lowell Invitational

Saturday, April 17th:

- Baseball, at St. Mary's, 12:00 pm
- Men's Lacrosse, HOME vs. Sacred Heart, 2:00 pm
- Track & Field, at Holy Cross Invitational

Sunday, April 18th:

- Women's Lacrosse, HOME vs. St. Francis (Pa.), 1:00 pm

How Academic Affairs wastes over \$30,000



By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

We know the drill. Towards the end of every semester, our professors hand out the dreaded SIR (Student Instructional Report) along with a colored sheet asking a handful of open-ended questions. We fill the sheets out and send them down with a more-than-willing student

to Academic Affairs, the keeper and director of these surveys. Here's the main purpose of the SIR reports: Faculty receive a program of how they did the past semester. Yes, the results are not even digitized for easy viewing.

As it states on the ETS website, the company who administers the SIR forms, institutions can "Choose from paper-and-pencil or online formats to reduce administrative time and costs". Wow—fascinating. Reducing time and costs sounds like something I learned all about in Operations Management sophomore year. Professors are teaching us to be critical of processes, to make things more efficient, yet, we're not seeing these theories being implemented. How can we gauge the legitimacy of a theory if our university can't even practice it? Not to mention how green this would make our campus.

Academic Affairs has these reports for their viewing pleasure, but nothing ever comes of these reports except for professors to use them as tools to improve their classes.

SIR reports cost over \$30,000 to administer—\$1 a sheet, spread over 1,293 classes a year multiplied by the average class size of 24 students. And, as it stands, nothing tangible ever comes from them.

For years, Bryant has had a culture of limited transparency. It's simply status-quo for the University, and no one is challenging it, until now. I would suggest that faculty assessment should be the first thing to be made transparent. It weeds out, and publicly displays, poor teaching performance and satisfies a student's need for information. After all, students are (very high) paying customers of this institution. The level of customer service is pretty pathetic. We need to be provided with sufficient information to make informed decisions. Again, this is something we have learned in our classes at Bryant that is not being implemented. You make a product for the students to consume, design your channel starting with the customer, and make sure they are pleased through the entire purchase process.

However, this issue of transparency extends be-

yond student access to data, and leads to another conclusion: why aren't other departments seeing this data? Wouldn't it be useful for the strategic planning initiatives we're going through right now? If we want to be a great university, then we must start moving in the direction of transparency.

Bryant has just finished their New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation, filled with, you guessed it, no student feedback. I do however, give them some credit: They did unleash over 500 pages of data on assessment, self-studies, student involvement, and other long-winded documents. Unfortunately, this only happens every ten years when the school is up for accreditation. To me, ten years is a long time. I have to speculate that no student on this campus is going

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to sift through the data, unless they're interested in the data. It's almost if it was written this way to deter students from digging, but I was determined to start digging.

I took a gander through the faculty assessment section of Bryant's self-study, and it was interesting to note what was missing. It does not state anywhere in the document that these very student feedback forms are used to assess faculty. I find that funny. You mean, the university spends over \$30,000 annually and it's not even being used for the assessment of our faculty in our self-study? It's not like we need to improve our faculty or anything.

In a recent BizEd Magazine article written by Dr. Carol DeMoranville, Marketing professor, Chair of the College of Business' Assessment team, and member of the strategic planning committee, she discusses Bryant's "world-class" assessment program and how it has gotten professors to tackle the subject head on and get excited about assessment. I want to know how you correctly assess learning without feedback from students and their SIR reports. Do you even look at them? If you've gotten 1's, 2's, or even some 3's, I'm pretty sure students aren't learning. Nowhere in the article does it mention student feedback or the SIR reports. There is no student feedback at all on whether we're actually learning or how the information is being taught.

We're supposedly a "student-centered" university, so why does the assessment committee not have students on it? We sit through the "assurance of learning process" every day. It has several faculty

members, the Dean of the College of Business, and some other administrative people. These people are getting paid to be on these committees. Students are paying Bryant to come here, so why aren't students allowed to sit on these committees and tell professors how it really is? I'm sure students would love to have a hand in improving their in-class experience.

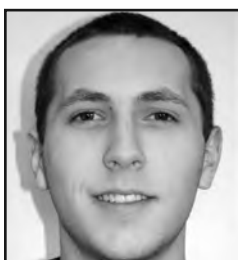
Unfortunately, students have no access to this data—no one knows for sure if their professor is great or if they need to retire before they teach another class. I mean, why would we have access? Since the administration is so siloed and can't even seem to share within internal departments, what makes me think that students are going to see the results? No idea. We don't even know how much our laptops cost.

It would be a great use of the \$30,000, currently only used to improve academic departments, to at least add value somewhere. After all, according to the ETS website, "It is important that faculty, administrators and students understand how the results of the student evaluations will be used, who will have access to the results, and how their use may affect institutional policies". Interesting that I know none of this. Past experiences with trying to move this university forward have been met with resistance, so even if I tried to gain access to the data, I would assume the experience would be similar to before.

One may argue that students already receive data through multiple channels: peers, friends, alumni, other faculty, and, of course, the ubiquitous RateMyProfessor.com. Although you may think the later provides unbiased information about your fellow colleagues, it's all a pile of tainted evaluations. My friend may say that one professor is terribly hard and he got a C- in the class, but the professor is a nice guy. Conversely, I may take that same class, enjoy the professor immensely and get a A, but we have different views, which would be smoothed out by the SIR reports. See? We need objective results to look at—numbers that show us how a professor performs in the classroom.

With a new Vice President of Academic Affairs starting in June of this year, I would hope that we get a revamp of this failing system. The SIR report is ineffective, out-dated, and quite frankly, a waste of \$30,000 if we can't even see or use the results to hold professors accountable. This is, at its most granular level, an issue of transparency. Ultimately, we need to change the system. After all, as I stated earlier, we are paying customers at a "student-centered" university. Shouldn't students have the right to something in return, an exchange of sorts, to make informed decisions in the "marketplace"?

The like pathology



By Michael Cohen
Staff Writer

Over the years it has become apparent that the word "like" is heavily overused in speech. Nearly everyone around the age of 13-21 has become afflicted by what I call the "like pathology". This pathology may be even more widespread than I recognize, and it could be spreading epidemically across the English speaking world populace. Although I am aware of this problem, sometimes I even show symptoms of this potent outbreak.

The problem with speech is that when we hear words or

phrases too often we begin to repeat them in our own speech. While we may not want to adopt particular words or phrases into our vocabulary, inevitably and suddenly we do. Two phrases I have heard swirling around my hometown in New Hampshire are "Oh hey!" and "Good and you" (you is often accentuated in this phrase).

Although I understand the meaning of these phrases (they are much different than their literal, universal interpretations), I do not have a desire to include these phrases in my communicative vocabulary. However, when I return to my hometown this summer it is plausible social forces will cause me to repeat these phrases.

Many of you who are stricken by the "like pathology" are probably in this dilemma; you do not want to say "like", yet powerful social

forces subconsciously engender you to say it.

"Like" holds a significant place in the English language. It is a dynamic word that serves many different purposes. On m-w.com (Merriam Webster Dictionary) there are 21 entries for "like". My contention with the word arises not when it is written in one of its many forms, but when it

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is spoken. You have probably been in a class or conversation in which "like" was spoken so excessively that it was said more than all the other words combined.

When used in speech it is often extraneously as a filler or discourse marker similar to um, uh, and you know. While you may think I am being unreasonable, just type "like as a

discourse marker" into Google. Upon doing so, you will find countless scholarly articles, written by PhD's, dedicated to discerning the usage of "like" in speech.

Hopefully this spiel about "like" leads you to question your use of it in conversation. The next time someone speaks count how many times you hear it said, and you will understand my point. You may have an outstanding GPA and you may be an apt, intelligent individual; however, when you say "like" excessively it leads others to doubt your competence.

Surely there are purposeful ways to use "like", yet in speech it is predominantly as a quotative, adverb, discourse marker, or to indicate an approximation. "Like" is spoken excessively through these various forms. Consider someone who says "I was like about to leave to go to the movies and

my car was like out of gas and I realized I had like no money, so I didn't know what to do like...then I called my friends to ask if they could drive and they were like why don't you go like to the bank." How sophisticated does that sound?

I just used "like" in several of the grammatical forms you likely hear consistently in colloquial speech. However, it is probably easier to distinguish the superfluous monstrosity that "like" creates when it is in written form, rather than when it is spoken. Fascinatingly, I have witnessed much more severe cases of the "like pathology" than this short manifestation.

Please, take heed of my advice. For those of you who say "like" habitually, hopefully this short article serves as a vaccine that will cure you. Also, for those of you who are not afflicted, be careful, the "like pathology" is dangerous and it is spreading LIKE a California wildfire.

The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.

Battle of the sexes

DEAR KD,
My new partner is truly a Facebook addict...I haven't been that into the social media network but every time I log on to my account, I have at least five new notifications with quotes, messages, pictures etc. What do you think about Facebook for a couple? Is it bad to be all over one another's wall?

Lovers and friends



By Kaleigh Durkin
PR Manager

Bryant, and you're any sort of social person, then there's about a 90% chance that at least half of the campus already knows you're in a relationship. Taking that into account, I have a fairly open mind about things like Facebook. If you're my friend on Facebook, then you're one of about a million...yes, that's right. I have a ton of Facebook friends, and I don't see any need to hide anything when using the social media outlook. I love to add pictures of my friends and I, I love writing on walls, I love getting comments, and I don't see anything wrong with it.

I understand how if you're not big on the social networks, or aren't an avid user of Facebook, that it can be overwhelming to be attacked with notifications and requests and

I'm going to start you off with a quick little fact. Bryant is a small school. Who knew? Right? Well what you may not know is that if you're in a relationship with someone who also goes to

tags and things you're not familiar with. That being said, you have to evaluate how important Facebook is to you. I know a lot of my friends go absolutely crazy when they see the posts my boyfriend and I put on each other's wall. I love when we write cute comments or when we take lots of pictures, but other people don't feel the same way. And I have to say that I'm okay with that.

I don't have a Facebook for anyone but myself. I always say, if you don't like what you see, don't look. I have every right to use my account for my own pleasure. If you don't want people to know about your relationship, or are uncomfortable with people seeing your feelings plastered on your significant other's wall, then don't use the media outlook.

Not everyone expects you to be all over your account, but make sure you have this conversation with your significant other. I've seen plenty of couples get into petty arguments when one person writes on a wall and the other goes untouched. This may seem petty to some of you, but if you don't see the opinions of others to be of much importance when it comes to your relationship, then by all means, tag, post, and comment away.

Remember to stay classy, but your Facebook is a profile of you, so do with it what you wish, and don't let your significant other or the rest of the Bryant campus influence the way you think!

Keep it to yourself



By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

As I sit here at my computer about to write about this week's topic I cannot help but get enraged thinking about all the annoying, over-the-top, unnecessary FDAs (Facebook display of affection) that occur every-day. It makes me sick.

My mini-feed is where I get all of the important information I need to make it through the day, and I do not want it littered with your relationship comments telling someone how much you miss them, and how you cannot bare your fifty minute mar-

keting class because it is too long to be away from them. Not to mention the photo albums of the two people together doing the same pose in every one of them or the Facebook status-AIM away message combination of what they are doing later that day. It even got to the point where I was ready to de-friend someone just to stop getting their updates.

If you want to tell someone your feelings towards them, send them a message so they rest of us don't have to go through the nauseating feeling after reading it, or here is a crazy idea, tell them in person. Plus, if you never actually leave this person alone because you are constantly calling, texting, Facebooking, tweeting, and everything else you can do these days, how can you possibly miss them?

Amazingly, this seems to apply to couples on campus rather than ones in long distance relationships that only see each-other on weekends, never-mind most of the day

every-day. However, you long distancers are not getting away that easily. This might even be the most annoying of all the FB posts; The Countdown. I am referring to when couples post on each-others walls how much time is left until they finally get to be together and how many more days the rest of us have to put up with these excruciating comments.

People need to start using a little Facebook etiquette and start to think about the other people online instead of just them-selves, it is just selfish. Take last week for example, I missed out on going to a Sox game because I didn't see someone's status saying that they had an extra ticket because I was too busy reading how Jamie supposedly has the best boyfriend in the world. I mean come on! You may read Kaleigh's article claiming she does not care what she posts on Facebook or who reads it, but guess what, THE REST OF US DO!

Do you have a question about relationships, sex, or dating in general? We want to hear from you! Send The Archway your questions and check back each week to see Dave and Kaleigh battle it out over your question!E-mail Archway@bryant.edu

What really grinds my gears...

By Ariana Ricci
Staff Writer

Bryant University has an undeniably beautiful campus. With the recent streak of warm, sunny weather, it's been nice to walk around leisurely rather than having to make a run for the unistucture in the pouring rain. However, there's one thing that puts a damper on this: smoke. Despite the plethora of information we now have on the dangers of smoking, not everyone has been deterred, unfortunately.

Sometimes I'll be walking on campus and catch a strong whiff of smoke. I then glance at the person in front of me and spot the culprit between their fingers. I either have to walk very fast to try to pass them, or breathe minimally to avoid that itchy, tingly feeling when breathing in smoke. Then there are the stationary smokers who stand directly in front of the doors to buildings. This may be even more annoying, since I am forced to walk right through their puffs of smoke. Finally, there are people who smoke on benches and pollute the whole area for anyone who wants to sit on the surrounding benches and enjoy the day.

I think it would be a great idea for Bryant to designate specific areas in which people can smoke. Ideally, they should be in obscure spots with a low level of traffic. I have seen such areas at some amusement parks; there are usually covered gazebos that people can sit or stand under when it rains. With the harmful effects of secondhand (and now even thirdhand) smoking widely known, it doesn't seem fair to impose those risks on students who choose not to smoke.

Profit & Loss

Formerly Observations. Equally as Funny.

Compiled by Bryant Students



Open House Weekend

For the first time in a long time there was no rain over Open House Weekend. Finally our prospective and incoming students were able to see what this campus typically looks like when it is not under water. A great weekend all around, so thank you to everyone that made it possible!



Fire Alarm

We can forgive the fact that the fire alarm goes off because people smoke. That it takes Smithfield 25 minutes to get here and then no one gets out of the truck seems a little ridiculous.

E-mail Profits and Losses to agreen1@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?

Compiled by Bryant Students

"So I am bowling with an 11 and not a 10. And the 11 is more than the 10."

"Guess what. I got drunk!"

"They were like, you should get water. And I was like, no. And they were like, yes."

Person 1: "This guy has a Domino sign. Like, it is lit up on top of his car."
Person2: "Uh, maybe it is because he delivers pizza."

"She squealed like it was bacon time."

"You make me racist."

"Can you imagine if they combined Starcraft and Farmville. It would be Starville."

"All I heard was do you want to spread it on."

Person 1: "How do you major in Bible?"
Person 2. "Well, you only need to have one text book."
Person 1: Yeah, and you don't even need to buy it. You can go to the nearest hotel and just take it."

Guy 1: "Its a hooka!"
Guy 2: "No dude, Its a lamp."
Guy 1: "It's probably a hooka designed to look like a lamp."

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Simon Says: April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Spring has sprung. The campus looks beautiful. The Bryant Beach is alive and well. And it's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. No coincidence.

I'm not a big fan of awareness months. At the Women's Center and on this campus, every month is sexual assault awareness. But since someone decided to anoint the month of April with this title, I'll use this opinion piece to talk about this topic.

I'm not going to mince words here. Why? Because I'm frustrated and angry. Frustrated that after all these years of sexual assault awareness and talking more openly about sex, rape on campus is still way too prevalent. Men are still behaving badly and women are still reluctant to

come forward to report these incidents. And when women are brave enough to come forward to report, they are still being treated like they're to blame for what happened or worse, that they're making it all up. Sadly I find that many of the Bryant women I talk to who have been assaulted, don't want to report the incident because as they say "I don't want to get him in trouble."

Oh really? He's just ruined your life, but you don't want to inconvenience him? You think that for some reason, because you passed out from too much booze-- and he decided it was ok to have sex with you-- that it was somehow your fault? Or because even though you told him, as you were walking back to your dorm that you didn't want to have sex with him, he didn't seem to get the message and managed to pin you down on your bed and penetrate you. Or worse, you trusted a guy friend to not take advantage of you, yet he did anyway and somehow you wonder whether you were to blame.

So yeah, I'm upset that after thirty years of talking about this, not a whole lot has changed.

Hey guys-- avoiding being

a perpetrator is not rocket science. If you really want to be a better lover (because I know you all think you are already good lovers) follow these simple rules. Talk to a potential sex partner about consent. It is a turn on for women. Ask her if she's ok with what you're doing sexually, find the words you need to get consent, whatever those words may be.

This means that you can't have sex with someone who has passed out from too much alcohol. Duh. If she's passed out or asleep, she CANNOT give consent and if she doesn't, it could be rape. This also means that if she is impaired from too much alcohol she can't give consent. Impaired is different from tipsy and I know you know the difference between the two states. You need to be aware of someone's level of intoxication.

OK Toby, but what if both people are drunk? Well guess what? Two people may be drinking but usually one person is trying to up the sexual ante. And usually that person isn't as drunk as the other person no matter what he or she says. If both people are drunk and going at it, then it may be hard to tell who is upping the sexual ante. But one



(MCT Campus)

of you (in heterosexual situations) is trying to penetrate the other person. Most rational people would say that's the person who is upping the ante. And that person better get consent. And if guys are really and truly wasted, they are not going to get it up. So there's no ante to be upped is there?

Drunken sex is sloppy sex. It usually isn't very good sex. Why take the risk that you may be having sex with someone who is too impaired to consent? Trust me, there will be other opportunities to engage in sexual activity, in your life time. Most likely within the week you'll have another chance.

One final bit of information: The Women on Call program. Bryant has its own 24/7 campus sexual assault response team. That means that at any time of the day or night, if you want to talk to someone about an incident of sexual assault—even if you're not sure what happened was assault—feel free to call 401-258-4209. Someone will always answer the phone and talk to you. And it's confidential. If you don't remember this number, just know that the Women on Call program exists and give DPS a call. Ask them to contact the Woman on Call for that day. Enjoy the spring but let's be careful out there.

The National Science Foundation devolves

By Brandon Dobro
Business Editor

Every two years, the National Science Foundation (NSF) drafts up a report called "Science and Engineering Indicators." In this report, the NSF provides information regarding scientific literacy of Americans. One clear finding in previous reports is that Americans are far less likely to believe in the theory of evolution and the big bang. The 2008 report revealed that just 45% of Americans believe that humans evolved from earlier species. This is compared to Japan (78%), Europe (70%), and China (69%).

These findings are truly pathetic in every sense of the word. You might have heard that "evolution is just a theory." While this is true, it is a theory in the scientific sense of the word, not just a hunch or a guess; kind of like the theory of gravity. "Theories" in science are well-documented, well-supported, and well-substantiated explanations of our observations. Some people think that scientific theories are a step below scientific laws. In fact, theories in science are better than laws. Laws just describe things, while theories explain them. The theory of evolution by natural selection is the best explanation that we have for the fact of evolution.

Naturally, when testing the scientific literacy of Americans, it would be important to find out if

more Americans support the theory of evolution than in previous years. So, how did Americans fare this year? We don't know. Actually, the NSF isn't letting us know. The question was asked, but the section was removed from this year's report. The move even came as a surprise to the White House, who approved a draft of the report that did include the data.

Why did the NSF exclude this important information? Louis Lanzerotti, chair of the board's Science and Engineering Indicators committee, has said that the questions were "flawed indicators of science knowledge because the responses conflated knowledge and beliefs." Lanzerotti's assertion is fundamentally flawed. Knowledge and beliefs *should* be conflated. Knowledge is nothing more than a subset of belief. It is useless to speak in terms of absolute certainty, since absolute certainty is a generally useless concept. We can never be absolutely certain of anything, except in the cases of labeling and esoteric experiences. Knowledge, therefore, is simply belief held to a high degree of certainty. If someone truly believes that the sky is green, we should consider them scientifically illiterate, just as if someone claims to know that the sky is green.

The NSF has further defended their decision by stating that the question "forces respondents to

choose between factual knowledge and religious beliefs." When testing one's level of scientific literacy, should we therefore exclude all questions that might challenge religious belief? For instance, would it be unfair for the NSF to ask the American populace whether they believe that all humans cannot fly? Any scientifically literate individual would answer no to this question, even though it directly contradicts the Bible's assertion that Jesus rose bodily up to heaven.

The real issue at hand is that people often have the decision to be either scientifically literate or faithful to religious convictions. The NSF's correct response to this would not be to ignore Americans' lack of scientific knowledge when religion and science directly contradict one another. The correct response would have been to release this data and recognize that America has an ongoing problem of scientific ignorance with regard to evolution that may be directly caused by religious dogma.

Jon Miller, a science literacy researcher at Michigan State who originally devised the evolution question, believes that deleting the section on evolution was nothing more than a clumsy attempt to hide this national embarrassment. "Nobody likes our infant death rate," says Miller, "but it doesn't go away if you quit talking about it."

The Archway Top Ten: Things the new VPAA Should know

10. Walking under the Archway prior to getting the job is just as bad luck-wise as students walking under before they graduate...
9. Bring a bag lunch...
8. You will quickly find that the weather in Rhode Island is not as nice as in North Carolina...
7. The 20-80 rule. There are generally 20 students in each class that do 80% of the organizational work on campus...
6. The majority of students will not know what your position or responsibilities are until the school is finding your replacement
5. The pond is not for swimming...
4. That is unless you agree to jump in with President Machtley if the Seniors reach their fundraising goals...
3. Our academic record is a lot better than our Basketball team's record...
2. Do not feed the geese...
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Two buds and a microbrew

A review of New England Fruit Beers

By Bryan Regele and Justin Andrews
Staff Writers

With the warming weather and the last Spring Weekend coming up for us seniors, we decided to take this week's column to the sunny side with a review of some fruit infused beers. Since this isn't a segment that we typically focus on, we picked up a few singles to provide a basis for our comparisons.

Our first tasting is arguably New England's flagship fruit beer – Wachusett Brewing Company's Blueberry Ale (ABV: 4.40%; 6-pk: \$8.49). As you probably remember from our favorable review of Wachusett's Oktoberfest back in the fall, these beer makers are located up in Westminster, MA and are former WPI students. It was the distinctive and unique Blueberry Ale that really put Wachusett Brewing on the map upon its release in 2001. Over the past five years alone, sales of Blueberry have more than doubled to an estimated 263,000 gallons.

We had tried this fruity wheat beer awhile back at a local Worcester pub which added additional fresh blueberries to the pint, but to get the natural taste that the brewers sent this beer out with, we uncapped a few amber bottles. With a light yellow color, a slight head, and nearly no lacing, the Blueberry gives off a sweet blueberry smell that is fairly malty. The taste is light with the blueberry tones not overwhelming but instead a refreshing complement to the wheat malt base. We think that though the sweet factor may make this beer less of a session beer during colder months it would be a great one for the summer. Overall, we really like the Blueberry and understand how its balance serves such a diverse crowd.

Another Boston favorite, our next single is Harpoon's UFO Raspberry Hefeweizen (ABV: 4.8%; 6-pk: \$8.49). For those of you who don't know, "UFO" is Harpoon's abbreviation for "Unfiltered Offering" meaning that the filtering process of removing excess yeast and natural carbonation has been left out, resulting in a foggy appearance and more of a wheat tasting beer.

Though headquartered in Boston, Harpoon also

has operations up in Windsor, VT. Harpoon was founded back in 1986 by two Harvard Business School alumni and really gained much of its recognition due to its hop happy India Pale Ale introduced in 1993. Harpoon entered the fruit beer game a bit late by infusing natural raspberry flavoring into their pre-existing UFO recipe in spring of 2006 and has kept the UFO Raspberry only available seasonally. Packaged in their usual UFO theme label with an added red background, the addition of fresh Raspberry syrup is apparent at first pour due

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to its rose tinted body and head.

Besides Magic Hat's beet colored Whacko, you really don't see many beers that aren't the normal yellow, brown, or black tint (other than food colored St. Patty's Day green beer). We pick up on the strong raspberry scent almost immediately with the typical Hefeweizen undertones of citrus and wheat. There is quite a bit of head on this one and the fluffy mouth feel speaks to its natural carbonation. Its taste, however, is a bit too sweet for us and makes it like sort of Arnold Palmer (half and half) like in that the proportions of raspberry to beer. Though the taste is clean, the fruitiness overwhelms the core beer characteristics and the UFO Raspberry seems more like an alcoholic juice than we would typically bargain for. That being said, we recommend that if you simply want a refreshing beer from Harpoon to stay away from the UFO Raspberry and instead throw an orange slice in their more balanced UFO White.

Lastly, we only feel it's appropriate to enter the Boston Beer Company into the mix at least one time this semester. Though Sam Adams at best is a bor-

derline microbrewer, we don't think we would be violating our core principles by reviewing one of it's smaller, more specialty beers in its Blackberry Witbier (ABV: 5.50%; 6-pk: \$8.99). Originally part of a summer mix-pack, Sam Adams decided to keep this fruit beer around long term after it won their annual beer competition. Serving as a complement to the successful Summer Ale, the Blackberry Witbier adds another refreshingly light brew to Sam Adams's skewed full-body line.

Poured out of an amber bottle dressed in a dark purple label, the Blackberry Witbier pours a hazy golden body with a fingers width of head and substantial lacing. Aromas include citrus wheat overtones and only a hint of mild blackberries. The brew master's notes reveal that they actually use fresh blackberries from the Oregon Trail, bringing back memories of our Oregon Trail teams discovering such in their journey in the old computer game.

Similar to the Wachusett Blueberry, Sam Adams's has seemed to create a refreshing taste with a fruit presence but not something that is overly sweet. That being said, we honestly wouldn't say that we can really distinguish a clear blackberry taste amongst its complex character. This certainly would be a drawback for any true blackberry lover but we still like its taste overall. While we would still probably prefer Summer Ale to this, we would recommend those readers who are looking to try one of Sam's new offerings to give the Blackberry Witbier a try.

After trying just three of the many fruit beers that have hit the market over the past decade, it is clear that brewers have become bored with the hop heavy beers that headlined the 90s and early 2000s. We have to admit that we as beer drinkers have similarly become tired of the popular IPAs and APAs over the course of this year, so we welcome this shift. The Europeans after all have been adding fruit for centuries so it's about time American brewers have caught on. Give one of them a shot as the weather warms up, we don't think you'll be disappointed. As always, make sure that you are 21+, and do so responsibly indoors. Until next week, cheers?

Feeling blue?



Kick-Ass (Aaron Johnson) and Hit Girl (Chloë Grace Moretz) in Lionsgate's "KICK-ASS," in theaters April 16. (MCT Campus)

By Brigit Clancy
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Three blue men walk slowly to their drums on stage. They begin by splashing neon-colored paint all over nearby members of the audience, who scream in delight. Those in the first several rows hold tightly onto the ponchos they are given to protect their clothes.

Though the three men perform wordlessly, the Blue Man Group puts on one of the best shows I have ever seen.

The Blue Man Group's performance is a combination of a theatrical antics and a concert. It incorporates various media devices, a strobe light, large television screen, and an animated band that plays throughout the show.

The blue men's routine is speckled with all sorts of stunts and antics that highlight their originality. They play paint drums and pipes. They see how many paint balls one of the men can hold in his mouth. They also have

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an audience member taken backstage to hang upside down in a white jacket, squirt blue paint all over him, and swing him back and forth against a large poster board to make his version of a blue man. The three men also learn how to rock out and dance as a group.

Each performance of the

Blue Man Group is different. The three enlist the help of several unknowing individuals from the audience for each show. Their improv comedy with these people makes each performance unique and all the more interesting.

The blue men perform in various cities throughout the country, including Boston and New York City.

If you have not seen a performance by these talented and amusing performers, I encourage you to check it out. It is an entertaining and fun evening that involves the audience. They create a fun and light-hearted atmosphere for over an hour and a half. After seeing their performance, you too will want to be blue.

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Kick-Ass movie review



Kick-Ass (Aaron Johnson) and Hit Girl (Chloë Grace Moretz) in Lionsgate's "KICK-ASS," in theaters April 16. (MCT Campus)

By Robert W. Butler
MCT Campus

It may not be the best superhero movie ever, but Matthew Vaughn's Kick-Ass could very well be the last one. Nah, just kidding. As long as arrested adolescents by which I mean most of us continue to ooh and aah over the digitally enhanced capers of Spandex-ed hunks and babes, superheroes will populate our multiplexes.

But Kick-Ass might just change the way we look at them.

By turns scathingly satiric and fan-boy celebratory, ridiculously violent and politically incorrect (at least when it comes to our notions of childhood), Kick-Ass is an absolute hoot, a giddy deconstruction of caped crusaders and men of steel.

Our hero is Dave Lizewski (Aaron Johnson), a comic-book obsessed teen dweeb who dreams of heroism but admits that his only superpower is that he's invisible to girls.

Nevertheless, Dave goes for it. He orders a cheesy green scuba wetsuit on the Internet and caps his costume with lace-up work boots and a couple of billy clubs in a holster on his back. He calls his tough, fearless alter ego Kick-Ass. Then he ventures forth to fight evil only to have his own ass kicked badly enough to put him in the hospital. This ignominious thrashing proves inspirational at least to the copy cats who create their

own masked heroes and set out to make the city a safer place.

Foremost among these are ex-cop Damon Macready (Nicolas Cage) and his young daughter, Mindy (Chloe Grace Moretz). Damon is a blend of survivalist paranoia and Old Testament paternalism (Cage perfectly captures the character's madness) who has reared young Mindy to be a knife-throwing, gun-savvy, pint-sized vigilante.

'Kick-Ass isn't a particularly good-looking film, but it needn't be. Though filmed in England it feels thoroughly American, thanks to a creative production design and a cast of English thesps who have their New Yawk dialect down pat.'

They've even got their own crime-fighting costumes. Damon has a sort of black Batman cowl and calls himself Big Daddy. Mindy looks like a mutant Catholic school-girl dipped in Day-Glo purple paint; she calls herself Hit-Girl.

They're as smoothly lethal as Kick-Ass is inept. And when they all team up, even Kick-Ass' game improves.

The plot centers on our crime fighters' battle against gangster Frank D'Amico (Mark Strong, the villain in Sherlock Holmes), a raging cauldron of hate unaware that his own son (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, McLovin' of Superbad) has been bitten by the vigilante bug and now patrols the streets in the guise of Red

Mist. Kick-Ass is terrifically violent, but director Vaughn (Layer Cake, Stardust) somehow delivers loads of sadism without breaking the comic tone. Somewhat more problematical are scenes of Hit-Girl slicing up drug-dealing thugs and intoning some of the vilest curses this side of a Tarantino flick.

Having an 11-year-old character behave in this manner may be too much for some potential moviegoers. But if you're that uptight you shouldn't be watching this film anyway.

I loved Hit-Girl, and young Moretz will soon be regarded as a rising star. Her grasp of the character she can slide from demure to deadly in the blink of an eye would be a challenge for an actress three times her age. She pulls it off effortlessly and does most of her own stunts to boot.

Kick-Ass isn't a particularly good-looking film, but it needn't be. Though filmed in England it feels thoroughly American, thanks to a creative production design and a cast of English thesps (you'll recognize many of them from Guy Ritchie films) who have their New Yawk dialect down pat.

In the same way that Kick-Ass the character tries to save his world from bad men, Kick-Ass the movie tries to save cinema from lame superhero movies. That's a big ambition, but this movie delivers.

Word Vomit

By: Blair Worthington
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Life...Not the Cereal

Life revolves.
Life stands still.
Life is nothing but unreal.
Although it's reality.
All is unknown.
All must live it like a drone.
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Days pass by so slow.
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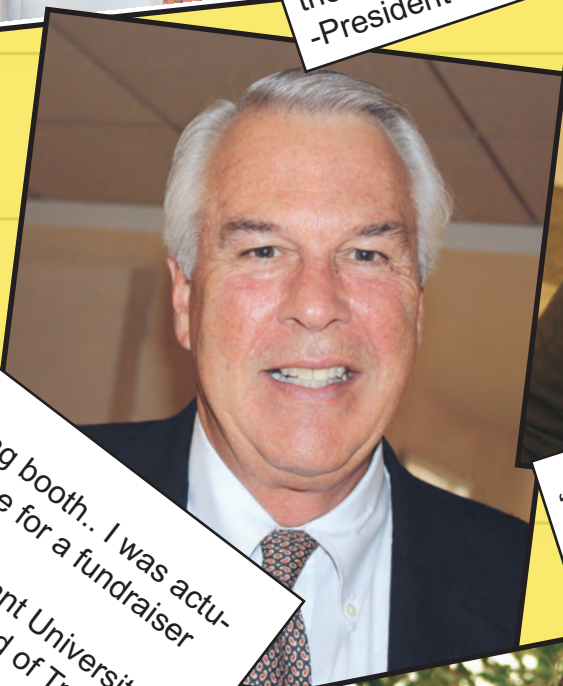
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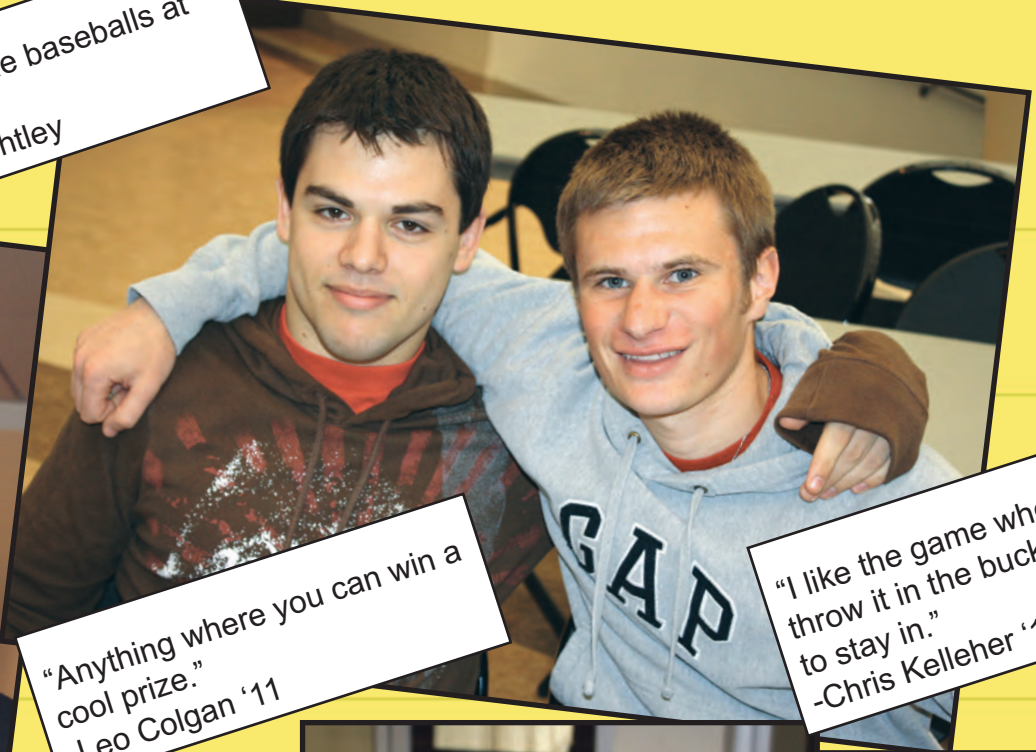
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"I like throwing the baseballs at the milk bottles."
-President Machtley



"The dunking booth.. I was actually the Dunkee for a fundraiser once."
- Mike Fisher, Bryant University
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"Anything where you can win a cool prize."
-Leo Colgan '11

"I like the game where you can throw it in the bucket and it has to stay in."
-Chris Kelleher '11



"Dunking someone in the water."
-James Ryan '11



"I like the Zipper."
-Abby Tarbell '11



"The Rides."
- Norah Justin '13

"Funnel Cakes."
-Islindy Merius '13



"The atmosphere... all the people."
- Jasmine Safford '13

